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13 December 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : [REDACTED] - Revocation of District 25X1A9a
of Columbia Operator's Permit

1. You have requested our views on the Office of Logistics' proposal of November 30, 1956 that the Agency intervene with the Director of Vehicles and Traffic in behalf of [REDACTED] in an effort to have his operator's permit, which has been revoked under the District of Columbia Point System, reinstated for the limited purpose of operating Government-owned vehicles. 25X1A9a

2. The District of Columbia Point System has been established under the provisions of the D. C. Code which authorizes the Commissioners to make and enforce traffic regulations. Under this system records are kept of each driver's traffic violations and accidents as reported to the Department of Vehicles and Traffic in police reports. The number of points which may be assessed for a particular infraction or incident is set out in a published schedule and vary from two to twelve, depending upon the seriousness of the incident. An examination of the schedule indicates, for example, that speeding "costs" three points, leaving an accident after colliding not involving personal injury, five, when involving personal injury, eight; and that the more serious offenses such as reckless driving, driving under the influence, etc. are chargeable with twelve. As a driver accumulates points the action to be taken by the Department is determined accordingly--three points call for a warning letter; five for a conference; eight for suspension of driving privileges and twelve for revocation of operator's permit. Points are assessed only after conviction or forfeiture of collateral. When a permit is revoked, a new one may not be issued for at least six months except in the discretion of the Commissioners or their agent. In cases of suspension or revocation a hearing may be had by submitting a written statement. It is stated that the purpose of the plan is to reach those drivers who commit traffic violations and win their cooperation before it becomes necessary to suspend or revoke their driving privileges.

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3. It can readily be appreciated that revocation of [REDACTED] permit does pose an administrative problem in that, for the present at least, he may not perform the duties for which he was hired. But in the interest of weighing the several considerations involved here, we think that due regard should be had for the effective administration of the Point System and its avowed objective, which is "to protect you

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and maintain and improve Washington's record of traffic safety." Since we are unable to perceive any overriding official interest in [REDACTED] loss, and in view of the criticism to which the Agency could be subjected should it attempt to interfere in the matter, we recommend that no action be taken to abate the penalty, which in this case, the Government of the District of Columbia has seen fit to impose.

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